

that represent good breeding.

"Norman Cousins in writing about Pericles (and this is the 2375th anniversary of his death) says, 'The fall of Athens need not have been inevitable. It could have been saved at almost any point- if only the people could have seen themselves as history later saw them; if only they could have sensed their purposelessness. How do you fashion a full-length mirror for a nation? And how do you get a nation to look into it?'

"That is a perennial question. Aristocracy is desirable but not that so many people seek, that of lineage, rank, or wealth. It was a world-tragedy that the Periclean age was not perpetuated. The 'flowering of New England' represented an aristocracy- not the later Brahmanism of the Lodges, Cabots, and Lowells- but the aristocracy of brains and character. The Puritan conscience, the Puritan belief in education, the Puritan family- these brought forth the greatest galaxy of teachers, preachers, statesmen, authors, and poets ever produced in America.

"Surely, we need to respect our inheritance."

- Dr. Charles Haven Myers,

Detroit, Sunday, April 28, 1946

HEREDITY

"'Tis said in children all can see
What once their parents used to be,
Mixed in, for all the world to view
With what their grandfolks used to do.

Some sages make the statement flat,
Fixed traits lie further back than that.
The great, great kinfolk re-appear
In many a mannerism Queer.

I think we cannot truly chart
The promptings of the human heart,
But sharers one and all must be
In what is called heredity.

If years long after I am gone
Some trait of mine shall still live on
God grant no child shall ever be
Less fit for life because of me."

- Edgar A. Guest, Detroit

"God sifted a whole nation that he might send choice grain over
into this Wilderness."

- William Stoughton